

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 24, 2023 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WHERE THE CHURCH IS, THERE ARE HIS MYSTERIES
- ST. AMBROSE -

Very Reverend Andrew J. Fisher, V.F., Pastor
Reverend Michael T. Nugent, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Anthony Appiah, In Residence

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday | 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday | 7 a.m., 9 a.m.

Saturday | 9 a.m., 5 p.m. (Vigil)

Holy Days | As announced

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday | 9:30 a.m., 3 - 4 p.m.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Saturday | After 9 a.m. Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday | 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Benediction)

SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome!

Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, seeking a parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, or interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and invite you to become a member of our growing parish family.

PARISH OFFICE

Monday - Friday | 9 am - 4 pm
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BULLETIN NOTICES

Please email your announcement request to Donna Vasilakos.
Bulletin deadline is **14 days before publication**.

ISSUES AFFECTING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Diocese of Arlington website provides a resource page with information about recent events affecting the Church. Child protection policies and responses to the crisis, from Bishop Burbidge as well as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, are available at arlingtondiocese.org/childprotection



O Lord, who hast mercy upon all,
take away from me my sins,
and mercifully kindle in me
the fire of thy Holy Spirit.
Take away from me the heart of stone,
and give me a heart of flesh,
a heart to love and adore Thee,
a heart to delight in Thee,
to follow and enjoy Thee,
for Christ's sake, Amen.

Prayer of St. Ambrose

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism: First-time, expectant parents must attend an instruction prior to the Sacrament of Baptism. Call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the Noon Mass.

Matrimony: Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Ambrose, or to be prepared for marriage in another parish, must, by Diocesan policy, begin the required preparation at least six months prior to the proposed date for their marriage. Contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

Returning to the Church: If you are Catholic and returning to the Sacraments, or to the practice of the faith, we welcome you back! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact a priest at the Parish Office or after Sunday Mass. We're happy to help you come back home to the Catholic Church.

Initiation of Adults and Children: The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process through which a person becomes initiated into the full sacramental life of the Catholic Church through weekly instruction. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the life of Jesus Christ and the beliefs and teachings of His Church, please call 703-280-4400.

Sick Calls: Contact the Parish Office to schedule visits to the sick and/or homebound for the Sacraments of Penance, the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick.

Parish Membership: Parish Membership is necessary for Baptism, Matrimony, or Sacramental Sponsor Forms. In order for a Sponsor Form to be issued, one must be a registered/participating member of the Parish for at least three months. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes on your registration form, telephone number, address, temporary absence, etc. Forms are available in the Parish Office and at stambroseva.org

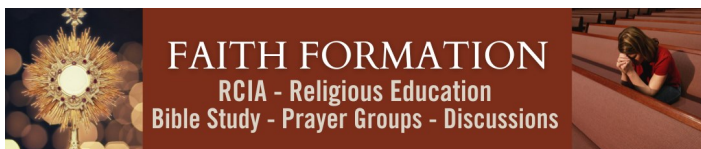
FAITH DIRECT

Plan your recurring Offertory donations through Faith Direct. Visit membership.faithdirect.net/VA401 or click Donate tab on stambroseva.org

PARISH MINISTRIES

Visit stambroseva.org + click on Ministries tab for details and contacts

Adult Choir	Altar Servers	Altar Society
Bereavement Committee	Bible Prayer Group	Christ House Meals
Eucharistic Adoration	Gabriel Project	Garden & Grounds Club
Intercessory Prayer Tree	Knights of Columbus	Knitting Group
Lectors	Religious Education	Rosary Makers
St. Ambrose for Life	St. Ambrose Samaritan Group	Ushers
Vocations Committee	Women of St. Ambrose	Young Adults Group
Youth Choir	Youth Ministry	



FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Religious Education
Bible Study - Prayer Groups - Discussions

See each program's details at stambroseva.org

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

stambroseva.org/RCIA

September - May | Mondays | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

RCIA is the Church's process for people over the age of seven who want to become Catholic and are

- unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition
- Baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

stambroseva.org/RE

Grades K-7 | Sundays (end May 19, 2024) | 8:45-9:45 am | School

Grade 8 | Mondays (end May 20, 2024) | 7-8 pm | Parish Hall

Classes for public /non-Catholic school students. Instruction includes required preparation for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation.

JESUS, MARY & A CUP OF JOE

stambroseva.org/JMJ

September - May | Sundays | 8:45-9:45 am | Parish Library

Learn more about the faith. Enjoy fellowship, coffee and conversation.
All adults welcome!

APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION GROUP

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

Second Tuesday of the Month | 7:30 - 9pm | Parish Hall

Grow in your knowledge & ability to evangelize & defend our Catholic faith.
Facilitator: Lee Cena

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

stambroseva.org/BibleStudy

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

- Sep 13, 2023 - May 15, 2024 | Weds | 10 am-Noon | Parish Hall
- Facilitators: Ron + Mary DeSantis, Chrissy Rabayda

BIBLE PRAYER GROUP

stambroseva.org/faith-formation/bible-prayer-group

Fridays | 9:30-11 am | Parish Library

Adults read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel.

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

stambroseva.org/WSA

Sundays | 6 pm | Parish Library

Take time for God! Open to all women of the parish.

Faith Formation | Therese Ryan, Director of Religious Education
tryan@stambroseva.org | 703-280-4400

FORMED

catholic content online
stambroseva.org/formed

"Seek the Lord while He may be found..."

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, 703-841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY



GOD SQUAD

High School Youth Ministry

stambroseva.org/GodSquad

September-May | Sundays | 6-8 pm | School Gym

Open to everyone in Grades 9-12

Bring a friend! See you there!

FIAT DAY

The Little Sisters of the Poor are preparing some fun for FIAT high school girls interested in growing spiritually and exploring their vocation on Saturday October 14, 10 am to 3 pm at the St. Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, D.C. The day includes Mass, baking, lunch and adoration time. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations; space is limited. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT or contact the office: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or at 703-841-2514. Registration deadline: October 6.

Stewardship Reflection

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."
Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage.

We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

PRAY FOR A FUTURE PRIEST OR RELIGIOUS

arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st--therese-society

The St. Therese Vocation Society prays daily for vocations and specific individuals in formation as priests and religious in our diocese. Start your day by saying a short, personal prayer for someone discerning a vocation.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

STAMBROSEVA.ORG/YOUNGADULTS



JOIN US!

- Young Adults Women's Group meets weekly on Tuesday night from 7:30-9pm. Come for community and time to discuss how God is working in our lives. All women 21-35 (single, engaged, married) are welcome! Contact Catherine Keuning (catherinegardey@gmail.com) for more information.
- On October 6, the St. Ambrose Young Adults Group will meet for Eucharistic Adoration, 6-7 pm, followed by a social at Glory Days on Nutley Street, Fairfax.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	September 25: Weekday
7:00 a.m.	William Bolognesi †
9:00 a.m.	Cory Elder
Tuesday	September 26: Wkdy; Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
7:00 a.m.	Pete Yaglou †
9:00 a.m.	Josephine G. Bourgeois †
Wednesday	September 27: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
7:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Jake Valdez
9:00 a.m.	Beverly Elder †
Thursday	September 28: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
7:00 a.m.	For the Souls dying today †
9:00 a.m.	Margaret Dominguez †
Friday	September 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
7:00 a.m.	Marie & Lee Konrath †
9:00 a.m.	Judy Beckwith †
Saturday	September 30: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m.	Mary Elizabeth Palzer †
5:00 p.m.	Dorothy Martin †
Sunday	October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Marie & Lee Konrath †
10:00 a.m.	William Sharkey †
12:00 noon	People of the Parish
5:00 p.m.	Nicia Filardi †

First Friday Adoration | October 6

9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Benediction)

During the week before Adoration, sign up in the binder in the Church Narthex or call the Parish Office, 703-280-4400

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick

Irene Anderson, Katie Bader, Josephine Crosby, John Crowley, Kathy d'Alelio, Conor Doyle, Bill Foster, Therese Fruet, Marianne Haley, Therese Hile, Amy Hobbs, Kathleen Johnson, Robert Koldys, Helen (Dolly) LaViolette, Thomas LaViolette, John Maskeny, Lou Osborn, Liz Post, Marcelina Respuesto, Lisa Rhoads, Lewis Rhodes, Jean Reed Saylor, Joseph Schechtel, Fr. Spychala, Jim Smith, Laura Sutherland, Irene Symm, Nicole A. Tramonte, Lilian Yetman

For Our Diocesan Priests

Sep 25	Rev. Francis J. Peffley
Sep 26	Rev. Edwin E. Perez
Sep 27	Rev. John P. Peterson, YA
Sep 28	Rev. Mauricio R. Pineda
Sep 29	Rev. Anthony J. Pinizzotto (Ret.)
Sep 30	Rev. Donald J. Planty, Jr.
Aug	Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky



For the repose of the soul
of Robert Suller



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 24, 2023

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It's a day to reflect upon and affirm the priesthood's central role in the life of the Church. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International (Saint Junipero Serra). Please take time after the Vigil Mass on September 23 or after the September 24 Masses to say thank you to Father Fisher and Father Nugent for all they do for our parish. You can say thank you with a promised rosary, designated Mass, prayer candle, extra prayers, or a spiritual bouquet as well. God bless our priests!

"...with glad adoration a song let us raise!"

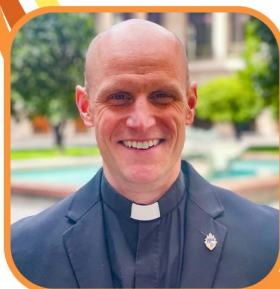
ADULT CHOIR | YOUTH CHOIR
bit.ly/stambrosevachoir



REHEARSALS | CHOIR ROOM | PARISH HALL

Youth Choir | Mondays | 4:30-5:20 pm

Adult Choir | Thursdays | 7:30-9 pm



WELCOME, FATHER NUGENT!

coffee + donuts reception
sunday, october 1
after 8 + 10 am Masses
parish hall

Thank you! We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have left bequests to Saint Ambrose. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. For more information on writing a bequest, please call the Diocesan Planned Giving Office at 703-841-3819 or visit arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org.

Celebrating a Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary this year? Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Join Bishop Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians on Sunday, October 15, at 3 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Arlington, VA. To register, please contact the Saint Ambrose Parish Office by Monday, October 2. For more information, visit arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

July 17 - 24, 2024 | Indianapolis, IN

Participate in this pivotal moment in the Church and draw into deeper intimacy with our Lord. Register now to join the Arlington Diocese's Eucharistic Congress group traveling to Indianapolis. Download the Diocesan brochure with details on registration, pricing, travel, and more at bit.ly/necarlington

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg

Join Bishop Burbidge and our diocesan family on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD, Saturday, October 7 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary), from 9 am - 3 pm. The day features a talk on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton; Mass, and a procession to the Grotto cave with recitation of the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. Details at arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/



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"Christ is Everything to Us" - St. Ambrose

Saint Ambrose School offers open enrollment and availability throughout the school year for all grades. Please visit the school website or call the school office.



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear St. Ambrose Community,

Eighth graders continue to prepare for Confirmation. Their Confirmation interviews are Tuesday - Thursday, September 26 - 28 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Their Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, September 30, 8:30 am - 11:30 am in the School.

Let us continue to pray for these young people on their journey to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 5.

Yours in Christ,
Maria Teresa Tejada, Principal | principal@stambroseschool.org

ST. AMBROSE SCHOOL MISSION

Fostering a faith-filled and academically strong environment, Saint Ambrose Catholic School works with families and the faith community to encourage the formation of the whole child through the examples and teachings of Jesus Christ.



2 MINUTES TO VIRTUE PODCAST
ARLINGTONDIOCESE.ORG/2MINUTES2VIRTUE



"When we pray we speak to God; when we read, God speaks to us."



UPCOMING EVENTS - JOIN US!
Details at stambroseva.org/WSA

Iconographer Veronica Royal Presentation
October 21 | 9:45 am | Parish Hall



All Saints Peg Doll Swap + Potluck
October 27 | 5:30 - 8:30 pm | Parish Hall

Questions? Contact WSA@stambroseva.org

AMBROSE COUNCIL #8403
Knights of Columbus



AMBROSECOUNCIL.ORG

Grilling with the Priest while Grilling the Priest!
Tuesday | September 26 | 7 pm | Parish Hall

Ambrose Council is cooking up an evening of food, fellowship and faith! Enjoy grilled burgers, dogs and social time. Father Nugent will offer a Q+A session and answer any questions you have about the Catholic Faith. Open to all men eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. RSVP at KofC8403Events@gmail.com.



Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation

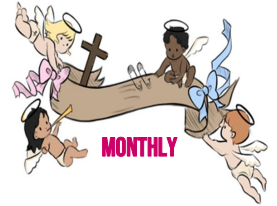
Give the gift of a Catholic education and receive most of your donation back through federal and state tax savings. The Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation (DASF) is part of the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit Program which provides scholarships to low income new students to attend a Diocese of Arlington Catholic School. For more information, visit stambroseva.org, click on the DONATE tab then click on Support St. Ambrose School.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

St. Ambrose for Life | stambroseva.org/pro-life

Next Diaper Drive October 7 + 8 at all Masses

St. Ambrose Parish helps The MaRiH Center by providing diapers, formula and wipes to moms & their babies. Collected at all Masses on the first weekend of each month, the most urgently needed items are all sizes of diapers; formula (especially Similac Advance); wipes, and diaper rash ointment. Other critical needs such as grocery gift cards, baby shampoo, baby blankets and clothes (sizes 0-3 months and 2T) can be donated directly to The MaRiH Center, 3230 Duke Street B, Alexandria VA, 703-370-4774, marih.org.



Rosary for Life | Wednesdays | Noon - 1 pm

40 Days for Life will take place September 27-November 5 from 7 am-7pm daily. Falls Church Healthcare Center, 900 S Washington St Falls Church, VA. Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion. More information: www.40daysforlife.com/en/fallschurch

A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 703-841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org

The 2023 Alexandria Life Chain will be conducted on Sunday, October 1, from 2:30-3:30pm, along Franconia Road from Saint Lawrence Church, 6222 Franconia Road to Frontier Avenue near the Springfield Mall. Life Chain signs will be available for pick up and return from the Saint Lawrence Hammond Hall. If you have any questions about Life Chain, please contact the Saint Lawrence parish secretary, 703-971-4378 or email stlawrence@cox.net.

Help + Hope + Healing

Visit stambroseva.org/pro-life for more resources

Gabriel Project
helpforpregnantwomen.org
703-841-3810
info@h4pw.org

Diocese of Arlington Catholic Charities
703-841-3830
www.cdda.net

Project Rachel
helpafterabortion.org
703-841-2504
info@helpafterabortion.org

THE HUMBLE BEE
St. Ambrose Kids Bulletin
stambroseva.org/humble-bee



Garden + Grounds Club

BIT.LY/STAMBROSEGGC
2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH
9:45 AM SCHOOL GYM ENTRANCE

